



DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

REPORT OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

GRETCHEN WHARTON, COMMITTEE CHAIR

MARCH 20, 2023

The CAH Grants Committee met via Webex on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4 pm, Committee Chair Gretchen Wharton, presiding. Committee members Wharton, Banks, Rooney, Menkiti, and Van Lee were in attendance and a quorum was present.

The Committee reports the following to the Full Commission:

FY23 UPDATES

- **Spring/Summer Grant Cycle**
 - Grants set to open May 2023 and close in June 2023:
 - FY24 Arts and Humanities Education Project Grant (AHEP)
 - FY24 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant (AHFP)
 - FY24 Field Trip Experiences Grant Program (FTE)
 - FY24 Projects, Events Festivals Project Grant (PEF)
 - Grants set to open June 2023 and close in July 2023:
 - FY24 Facilities and Buildings Grant Program (FAB)
 - FY24 East Arts Grant Program (EA)
 - FY24 Lift Off Project Based Grants (LFT)
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CONSIDERATIONS / DECISIONS

- **FY24 AHFP Recommendation**
 - Redesign the Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program to fund all eligible artist with a flat rate instead of a tiered funding system. In line with national trends to individual artist funding, the fellowship program can be restructured to provide more artist support for their work. This allows for a more equitable funding model that supports artists of varying abilities and experience and allows CAH to

respond to the current needs and preferences of how artists present their work.

- **Committee Decision: Yes**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grants Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution:

***Resolved,* That the Commission agree to the Committee's recommendation to fund all eligible applications for FY2024 Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant with a flat rate instead of a tiered funding system.**